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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, and subsequent to filing a Notice of Appeal on November 23, 2004, the period for response having been extended for five (5) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.